

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims pending:

- At time of the Action: 1, 3-11, 13-19, 21-26, 28-34, and 36-44
- After this Response: 1, 3-11, 13-19, 21-26, 28-34, and 36-44

Currently Amended claims: 23, 33, 43, and 44

Canceled or Withdrawn claims: None

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings:

1. (Previously Presented) One or more computer storage media comprising a flash memory driver that is executable by a computer to interface between a file system and one or more flash memory media, the flash memory driver comprising:

flash abstraction logic that is invokable by the file system to manage flash memory operations without regard to the type of the one or more flash memory media; and

flash media logic configured to interact with different types of the flash memory media, wherein the flash media logic is programmable to permit users to match particular medium requirements of a specific manufacturer;

wherein the flash abstraction logic invokes the flash media logic to perform memory operations that are potentially performed in different ways depending on the type of the flash memory media, and further wherein the flash memory driver is flash memory medium agnostic, and wherein one of the flash memory operations includes performing wear-leveling operations associated with the flash memory medium by way of circular and continuous advancement of a write pointer, and wherein the flash memory driver resides as a component within an operating system of the computer.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The flash memory driver as recited in Claim 1, wherein one of the flash memory operations includes maintaining data integrity of the flash memory medium.

4. (Original) The flash memory driver as recited in Claim 1, wherein one of the flash memory operations includes handling recovery of data associated with the flash memory medium after a power-failure.

5 5. (Original) The flash memory driver as recited in Claim 1, wherein one of the flash memory operations includes mapping status information associated with physical sectors of the flash memory medium for use by the file system.

6. (Previously Presented) The flash memory driver as recited in Claim
10 1, wherein the flash medium logic is further configured to translate commands received from the file system to physical sector commands for issuance to the flash memory media.

7. (Previously Presented) The flash memory driver as recited in Claim
15 1, wherein the flash medium logic is user programmable to read, write and erase data to and from the flash memory media.

8. (Previously Presented) The flash memory driver as recited in Claim
20 1, wherein the flash media logic is configured to perform error code correction associated with the flash memory media.

9. (Previously Presented) A flash driver embodied on a computer-readable storage medium, comprising:

flash abstraction logic, interposed between a file system and a flash memory
25 medium, configured to:

(a) map a logical sector status from the file system to a physical sector status of the flash memory medium; and

(b) maintain memory requirements associated with operating the flash memory medium;

30 wherein the flash driver is located remote from the flash memory medium, and wherein the memory requirements include managing wear-leveling operations associated

with the flash memory medium by way of circular and continuous advancement of a write pointer, and wherein the flash driver resides as a component within an operating system of a computer;

5 flash medium logic that is programmable to permit users to match particular medium requirements of a specific manufacturer.

10 10. (Previously Presented) The flash driver as recited in Claim 9, wherein the programmable flash medium logic is configured to read, write and erase data to and from the flash memory medium.

11. (Previously Presented) The flash driver as recited in Claim 9, wherein the programmable flash medium logic is configured to receive and translate specific operational commands from the file system associated with reading and writing data to the flash memory medium.

15 12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The flash driver as recited in Claim 9, wherein the memory requirements include maintaining data integrity of the flash memory medium.

20 14. (Original) The flash driver as recited in Claim 9, wherein the memory requirements include handling recovery of data associated with flash memory medium after a power-failure.

25 15. (Previously Presented) The flash driver as recited in Claim 9, wherein the flash medium logic is programmably configurable by a user to perform error code correction associated with the flash memory medium.

16. (Previously Presented) A flash driver embodied on a computer-readable storage medium, comprising:

user programmable flash medium logic, configured to read, write and erase data to and from a flash memory medium, wherein the flash medium logic is programmable to permit users to match particular flash medium requirements of a specific manufacturer; and

flash abstraction logic, interposed between a file system and flash memory medium to maintain universal requirements for the operation of the flash memory medium;

wherein the flash memory driver is flash memory medium agnostic, and wherein the universal requirements include managing wear-leveling operations associated with the flash memory medium by way of circular and continuous advancement of a write pointer, and wherein the flash driver is defined as a component within an application.

17. (Original) The flash driver as recited in Claim 16, wherein the flash abstraction logic passes specific commands associated with certain types of flash memory media directly to the flash medium logic for translation and execution.

18. (Original) The flash driver as recited in Claim 16, wherein the flash abstraction logic is an interface between the flash medium logic and the file system.

19. (Original) The flash driver as recited in Claim 16, wherein the universal requirements include maintaining data integrity of the flash memory medium.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The flash driver as recited in Claim 16, wherein the universal requirements include handling recovery after a power-failure.

22. (Original) The flash driver as recited in Claim 16, wherein the flash medium logic comprises a set of programmable entry points that can be implemented by a user to interface with the type of flash memory medium selected.

5 23. (Currently Amended) A processing device that uses a flash memory medium for storage of data, comprising:

a file system, configured to control data storage for the processing device;
flash media logic, configured to perform physical sector operations to a flash memory medium based on physical sector commands, wherein the flash medium logic
10 comprises a set of programmable entry points that can be implemented by a user to interface with any type of flash memory medium selected, wherein the flash media logic is programmable to permit users to match particular flash medium requirements of a specific manufacturer; and

flash abstraction logic, configured to maintain flash memory requirements that are
15 necessary to operate the flash memory medium, wherein the flash memory requirements include managing wear-leveling operations associated with the flash memory medium by way of circular and continuous advancement of a write pointer, wherein the flash media logic and the flash abstraction logic ~~reside within an operating system of the processing device~~ comprise a flash driver.

20 24. (Original) The processing device as recited in Claim 23, wherein the flash abstraction logic passes physical logic commands associated with certain types of flash memory medium directly to the flash memory medium logic for translation and execution.

25 25. (Original) The processing device as recited in Claim 23, wherein the flash abstraction logic is an interface between the flash medium logic and the file system.

30 26. (Original) The processing device as recited in Claim 23, wherein the flash memory requirements include maintaining data integrity of the flash memory medium.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Original) The processing device as recited in Claim 23, wherein the
5 flash memory requirements include handling recovery after a power-failure.

29. (Original) The processing device as recited in Claim 23, wherein the
requirements are common to a plurality of different flash memory media.

10 30. (Original) The processing device as recited in Claim 23, wherein the
flash medium logic comprises a set of programmable entry points that can be
implemented by a user to perform error code correction with the type of flash memory
medium used in the processing device.

15 31. (Original) The processing device as recited in Claim 23, whereby the
flash medium logic relieves the flash abstraction logic from performing translation of the
physical sector commands received from the file system.

20 32. (Original) The processing device as recited in Claim 23, wherein the
physical sector operations include read, write and error code correction commands
associated with the flash memory medium.

33. (Currently Amended) In a processing device that uses a flash memory
medium for storage of data, a method for driving the flash memory medium, comprising:
25 managing rules associated with operating the flash memory medium in a flash
abstraction logic, wherein the flash abstraction logic comprises part of a flash driver; and
issuing physical sector commands directly to the flash memory medium from a
flash medium logic, wherein the flash medium logic is programmable to permit users to
match particular flash medium requirements of a specific manufacturer, and wherein the
30 flash medium logic comprises part of the flash driver;

wherein the method is flash memory medium agnostic, and wherein one of the rules includes managing wear-leveling operations associated with the flash memory medium by way of circular and continuous advancement of a write pointer, and wherein the method is performed by way of a component residing within an operating system of the processing device.

34. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 33, wherein one of the rules includes maintaining data integrity of the flash memory medium.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 33, wherein one of the rules includes handling recovery of the media after a power-failure.

37. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 33, wherein issuing physical sector commands directly to the flash memory medium comprises receiving read and write commands from a file system and translating them into the physical sector commands.

38. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 33, further comprising issuing a set of programmable entry points that can be implemented by a user to perform error code correction with the type of flash memory medium used in the processing device.

39. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 33, further comprising issuing a set of programmable entry points that can be optionally selected by a user to interface with the type of flash memory medium used in the processing device.

40. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 33, further comprising receiving read and write commands from a file system.

41. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable storage media comprising computer-executable instructions that, when executed, perform the method as recited in claim 33.

5 42. (Previously Presented) A computer storage media for a flash driver, comprising computer-executable instructions that, when executed, direct the flash driver to provide an interface between a file system, selected from one of a plurality of different file systems, and a flash memory medium, selected from one of a plurality of different flash memory media, wherein the flash driver is located as a component within an
10 operating system and is remote from the flash memory medium, and wherein wear-leveling of the flash memory medium is performed by way of circular and continuous advancement of a write pointer, and wherein the flash driver comprises programmable flash medium logic that is programmable to permit users to match particular flash medium requirements of a specific manufacturer.

15 43. (Currently Amended) A computer storage media for a flash driver, comprising computer-executable instructions that, when executed, direct the flash driver to:

20 provide an interface between a file system, selected from one of a plurality of different files systems, and a flash memory medium, selected from one of a plurality of different flash memory media; and

manage a set of characteristics that are common to the plurality of different flash memory media at a flash abstraction logic;

25 wherein the flash driver is flash memory medium agnostic, and wherein wear-leveling of the flash memory medium is performed by way of circular and continuous advancement of a write pointer, and wherein the flash driver resides as a component within an operating system, wherein the instructions provide programmable flash medium logic that is programmable to permit users to match particular flash medium requirements of a specific manufacturer, wherein the flash abstraction logic and the flash
30 medium logic comprise the flash driver.

44. (Currently Amended) A computer storage media for a flash driver, comprising computer-executable instructions that, when executed, direct the flash driver to:

5 provide an interface between a file system, selected from one of a plurality of different files systems, and a flash memory medium, selected from one of a plurality of different flash memory media;

manage a set of characteristics that are common to the plurality of different flash memory media at a flash abstraction logic; and

10 provide programmable entry points that can be optionally selected by a user to interface with the type of flash memory medium selected;

wherein the flash driver is located as a component within an operating system and is remote from the flash memory medium and the flash driver is flash memory medium agnostic, and wherein wear-leveling of a flash memory medium is performed by way of circular and continuous advancement of a write pointer, wherein the instructions provide
15 flash medium logic that is programmable to permit users to match particular flash medium requirements of a specific manufacturer, wherein the flash abstraction logic and the flash medium logic comprise the flash driver.

45.-52. (Canceled)

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